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Saskatchewan livestock producers have 90 per cent of the 2013 hay crop cut and 75 per cent baled or put into silage, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture's weekly Crop Report.

Rain during the past week has slowed haying progress and reduced hay quality in the swath. Eight per cent of the provincial hay crop is rated as excellent in quality, 73 per cent is good in quality and 19 per cent is reported to be fair in quality.

One year ago
Ninety-two per cent of the 2012 provincial hay crop was cut and 81 per cent was baled or put into silage. One per cent of the provincial crop had been combined and three per cent had been swathed or was ready to straight-cut.

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Cool and wet weather continued for most areas in the province, delaying crop development. The majority of crops are podding and filling. There are reports of some crops starting to turn and desiccation of peas and lentils has just started in some areas of the southwest and west-central regions.

Most parts of the province received varying amounts of rain last week ranging from nil to 64 mm. Insects, flooding, hail and wind caused some crop damage.

Across the province, topsoil moisture on crop land is rated as nine per cent surplus, 77 per cent adequate, 13 per cent short and one per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as six per cent surplus, 77 per cent adequate, 15 per cent short and two per cent very short.

Pasture conditions are rated as 16 per cent excellent, 64 per cent good, 19 per cent fair and one per cent poor. Livestock have adequate water availability.

Farmers are busy haying and getting ready for harvest.

Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Reminder
The deadline to select winterkill coverage for fall rye and winter wheat is August 25.

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Southeastern Saskatchewan (Crop District 1 – Carnduff, Estevan, Redvers, Moosomin and Kipling areas; Crop District 2 – Weyburn, Milestone, Moose Jaw, Regina and Qu'Appelle areas; Crop District 3ASE – Radville and Lake Alma areas)

Continued cool weather has delayed crop development. Most areas continue to receive rain, which has made haying difficult. There has been some loss of hay quality in the swath due to rain. The cool weather has allowed the standing hay crop to keep some quality this late in the season. Most crops are in the podding and filling stages, with some of the later seeded crops finishing up flowering. Rainfall recorded in the region ranged from nil to 64 mm (Manor area). Many crop reporters have indicated crops are 10 days to two weeks behind in development compared to the last couple of years.

Despite the wet weather, livestock producers have progressed with haying operations. Eighty-eight per cent of the hay crop is cut and 66 per cent has been baled or put into silage. Hay quality is rated as 10 per cent excellent, 67 per cent good and 23 per cent fair. Greenfeed crops will be ready to cut in the next week or so.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as 22 per cent surplus, 70 per cent adequate and eight per cent short. Hay land and pasture moisture is rated as 19 per cent surplus, 70 per cent adequate, nine per cent short and two per cent very short. Crop district 1A is reporting 61 per cent and 54 per cent of cropland and hay acres, respectively, to have surplus topsoil moisture.

Rain throughout July has kept the pastures green and growing. Seventeen per cent of the pastures are rated in excellent condition, 64 per cent in good condition, 17 per cent in fair and two per cent in poor condition. Availability of livestock water is 100 per cent adequate.

The majority of crop damage is due to hail, wind and flooding. The Frobisher, Glenavon and Wilcox areas reported hail damage. Grasshoppers, Bertha Armyworm and disease have caused crop damage in some areas. Producers are busy haying and getting ready for harvest.

Southwestern Saskatchewan (Crop District 3ASW – Coronach, Assiniboia and Ogema areas; Crop District 3AN – Gravelbourg, Mossbank, Mortlach and Central Butte areas; Crop District 3B – Kyle, Swift Current , Shaunavon and Ponteix areas; Crop District 4 – Consul, Maple Creek and Leader areas)

Harvest operations have just started for some producers with desiccation of peas and lentils this week. These areas have not received significant amounts of rain over the past few weeks and so crops are coming into maturity a little quicker when compared to the rest of the province. Some producers in the Swift Current, Stewart Valley and Gull

Lake area have started desiccating peas and lentils. Other areas in the southwest are indicating crops are 10 days to two weeks behind normal in crop development compared to the last couple of years. Some warm and dry weather is needed.

Haying operations are nearing completion with 91 per cent of the hay crop cut and 83 per cent baled or put into silage. Hay crop quality is rated as three per cent excellent, 77 per cent good and 20 per cent fair. Most areas in the region received rain this past week, ranging from nil to 61 mm (Fife Lake area).

Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as four per cent surplus, 83 per cent adequate and 13 per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 88 per cent adequate and 12 short. Crop district 4B is reporting 33 per cent short of topsoil moisture on cropland and hay land. Pasture conditions are rated as 14 per cent excellent, 76 per cent good, eight per cent fair and two per cent poor. Livestock water availability is 100 per cent adequate.

Hail, wind, insects and disease have caused the majority of crop damage. Hail damage was reported in the Vanguard, Bracken and Orkney areas. Loonie-sized hail, two inches deep in some places, caused some severe crop damage in the Bracken and Orkney area.

Farmers are busy haying and getting harvest equipment ready.

East-Central Saskatchewan (Crop District 5 – Melville, Yorkton, Cupar, Kamsack, Foam Lake, Preeceville and Kelvington areas; Crop District 6A – Lumsden, Craik, Watrous and Clavet areas)

Cool and wet weather again this week has slowed crop development and haying progress. Warm temperatures are needed to help advance crops. Frequent rain showers have decreased hay quality in the swath. Most crops are podding and filling. Many producers are indicating crops are about two weeks behind normal in development compared to the last couple of years. Precipitation recorded ranged from nil to 24 mm (Langenburg area).

Livestock producers now have 85 per cent of the hay crop cut and 66 per cent baled or put into silage. Hay quality is rated as three per cent excellent, 67 per cent good and 30 per cent fair. Pasture conditions are rated as 18 per cent excellent, 60 per cent good and 22 per cent fair. Some pastures have received too much moisture and so some areas have flooding stress. Availability of livestock water is 100 per cent adequate.

Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as three per cent surplus, 93 per cent adequate and four per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as five per cent surplus, 89 per cent adequate and six per cent short.

The majority of crop damage this week is due to disease and hail. Ascochyta and sclerotinia in pulses and smut in cereals has been reported in some areas. Winter cereals are starting to turn.

Farmers are busy haying and getting equipment ready for harvest.

West-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6B – Hanley, Outlook, Loreburn, Saskatoon and Arelee areas; Crop District 7 – Rosetown, Kindersley, Eston, Major, Kerrobert, Macklin, Wilkie and Biggar areas)

Most areas of the region recorded some rainfall for the week which will help crops on dry soil fill as harvest operations near. Most of the region has been missing the moisture that other areas have received over the past few weeks. Crops are slowly advancing in the cool weather; however, there are some reports of pulses being desiccated in the Perdue, Major and Marengo areas. Most other areas are indicating harvest operations are 10 days to two weeks behind normal compared to the last couple of years. Rainfall reported in the past week ranged from nil to 37 mm (Landis area).

The west-central region is furthest ahead in haying and operations are nearing completion. Livestock producers have 96 per cent of the hay crop cut and 82 per cent baled or put into silage. Hay quality is rated as eight per cent excellent, 88 per cent good and four per cent fair. Pasture conditions are rated as nine per cent excellent, 56 per cent good, 33 per cent fair and two per cent poor. Ninety-seven per cent of producers have adequate water supplies for their livestock.

Topsoil moisture conditions are rated as one per cent surplus, 62 per cent adequate, 33 per cent short and four per cent very short on cropland. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture conditions are rated as one per cent surplus, 51 per cent adequate, 41 per cent short and seven per cent very short. Crop District 7B is reporting 46 and 48 per cent short of topsoil moisture on cropland and hay, respectively.

Very little crop damage was reported in the region. Dry conditions and insects are causing the majority of crop stress.

Producers are busy haying and getting ready for harvest.

Northeastern Saskatchewan (Crop District 8 – Hudson Bay, Tisdale, Melfort, Carrot River, Humboldt, Kinistino, Cudworth and Aberdeen areas; Crop District 9AE – Prince Albert, Choiceland and Paddockwood areas)

Crops are in good condition for the most part, although some heat is needed to advance maturity of the crops. Less rain this week compared to the last couple of weeks has allowed for field conditions to dry up and relieve some moisture stress of crops. Early seeded crops are started to turn. Most crops are in the podding and filling stages of development. Most producers have indicated harvest is 10 days to two weeks behind normal. Haying progress is slow due to rain interruptions. There are reports of hay quality loss in the swath due to moisture. Rainfall in the region ranged from nil to 12 mm (Lake Lenore area).

Good hay progress was made last week and livestock producers now have 92 per cent of the hay crop cut and 80 per cent baled or put into silage. Hay quality is rated as 27 per cent excellent, 55 per cent good and 18 per cent fair. All producers are reporting adequate water supplies for their livestock.

Topsoil moisture on cropland is rated as 19 per cent surplus, 80 per cent adequate and one per cent short. Topsoil moisture on hay land and pasture is reported as 11 per cent surplus, 88 per cent adequate and one per cent short. Crop district 8A is reporting 33 per cent of their respective cropland acres to have surplus moisture.

Very little crop damage was reported this week. Reported crop damage is attributed to flooding and disease.

Producers are busy haying, hauling grain and getting ready for harvest.

Northwestern Saskatchewan (Crop District 9AW – Shellbrook, North Battleford, Big River and Hafford areas; Crop District 9B – Meadow Lake, Turtleford, Pierceland, Maidstone and Lloydminster areas)

Cool weather has delayed crop maturity. Most producers are indicating harvest operations are about 10 days behind normal for this time of year. The region has not received significant rain over the past few weeks so crops are showing signs of dry conditions in some cases. Some warm weather would be appreciated to help advance the crop. There are reports of cereal crops starting to turn in some areas. Precipitation ranged from nil to 17 mm (St.Walburg area).

Livestock producers made good progress with haying in the past week. Eighty-eight per cent of the hay crop is cut and 74 per cent baled or put into silage. Hay quality is rated as 17 per cent excellent, 78 per cent good and five per cent fair. In the Turtlford area, 11 days without rain allowed for hay swaths to be wrapped up.

Topsoil moisture on cropland is rated as three per cent surplus, 61 per cent adequate, 32 per cent short and four per cent very short. Topsoil moisture on hay land and pasture is reported as two per cent surplus, 65 per cent adequate, 29 per cent short and four per cent very short. Crop district 9AW is reporting 55 and 51 per cent short on crop land and hay and pasture land topsoil moisture, respectively.

The majority of crop damage this week is attributed to insects and flooding. Grasshoppers have been reported to be causing damage on the outside edges of fields in the Barthel, Meadow Lake, Dorintosh and Pierceland areas.

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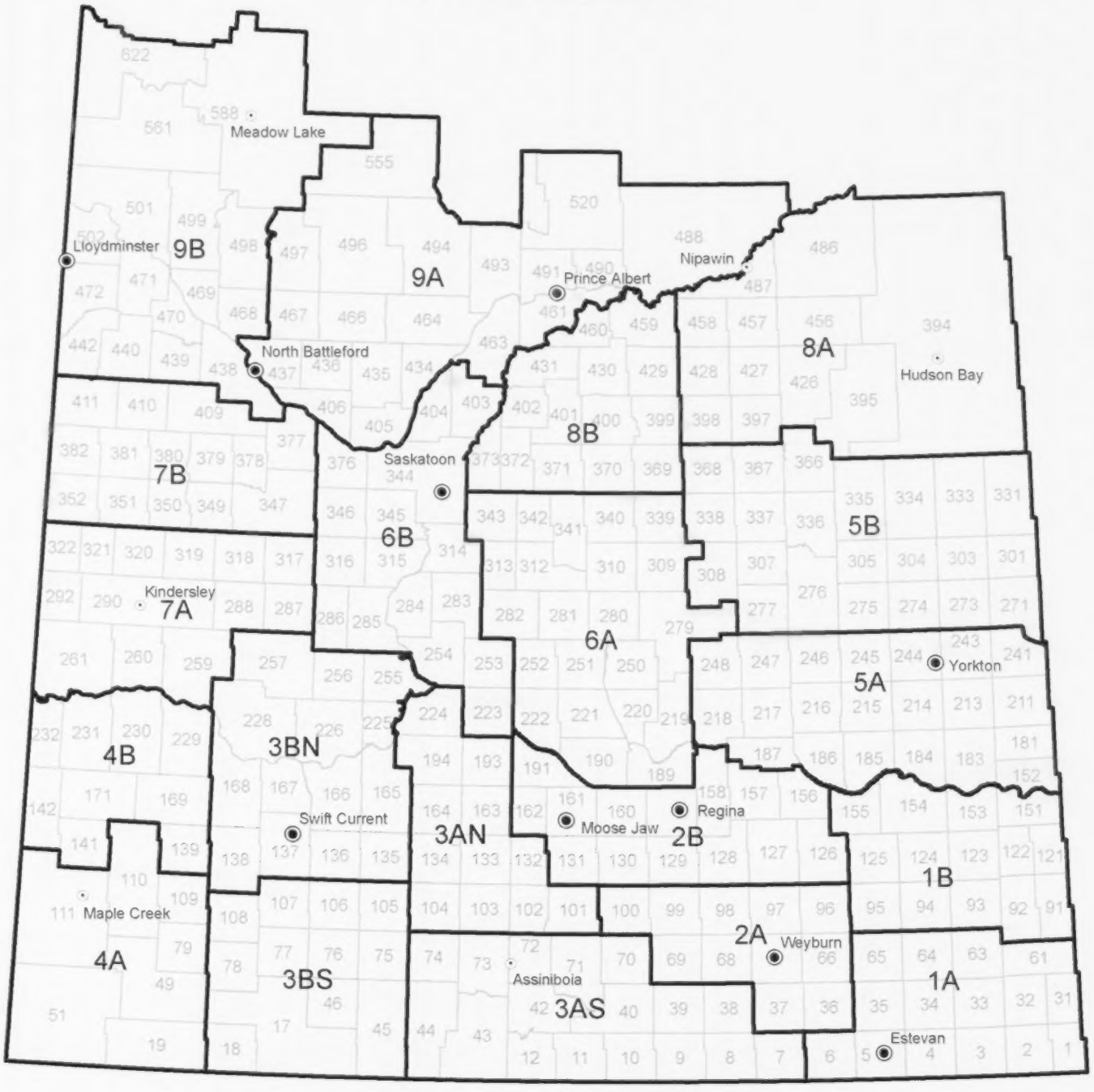
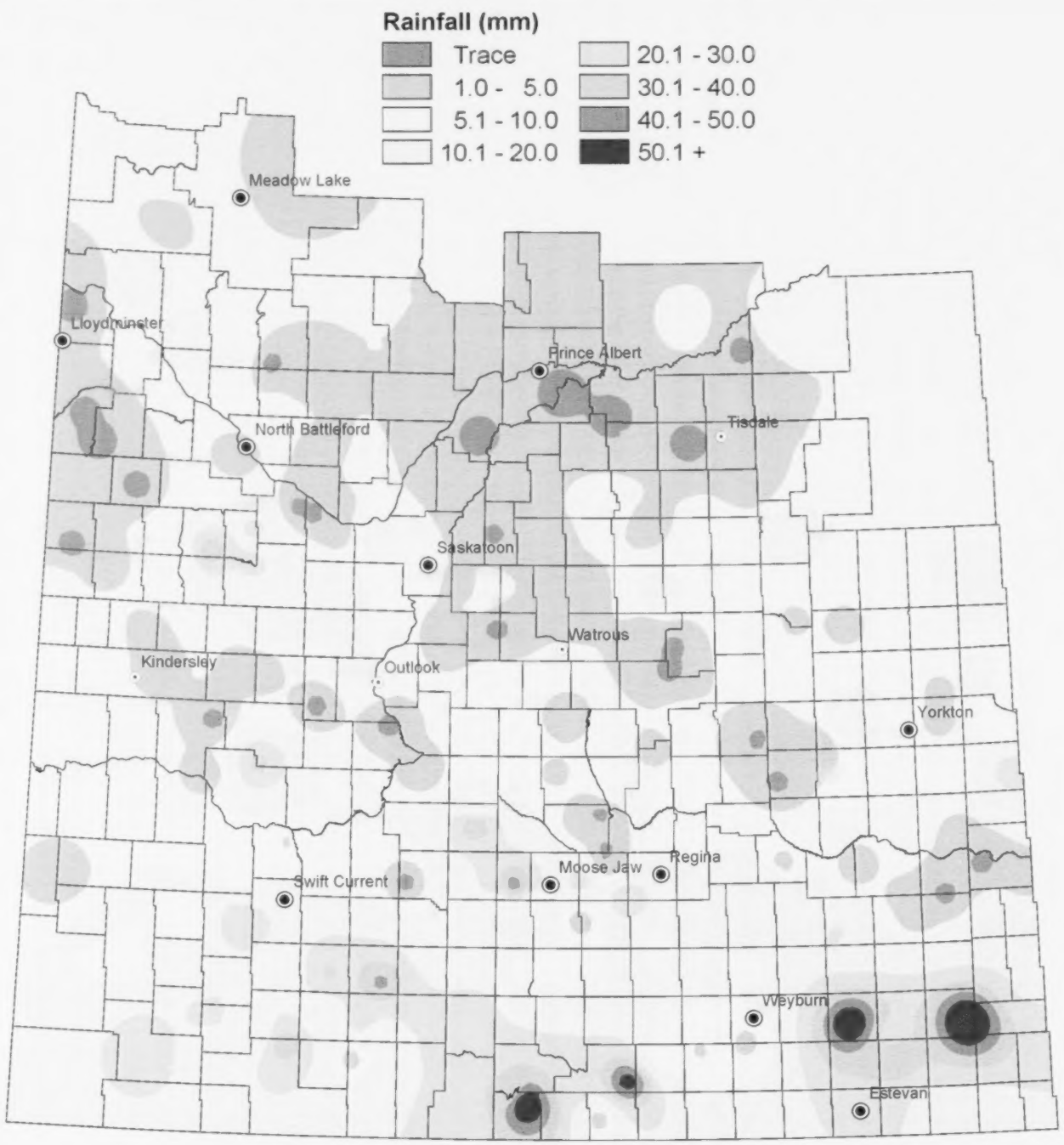
Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities in Saskatchewan



Weekly Rainfall

for the week ending August 5, 2013



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Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters) 1 inch = 25 mm for the period July 30 to August 5, 2013

Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr
1A	2	Mount Pleasant	11	267
	3	Enniskillen	16	375
	33	Moose Creek	N/A	241
	34	Browning	36	256
	61	Antler	N/A	474
	63	Moose Mountain	64	374
	64	Brock	26	228
	65	Tecumseh	60	345
1B	91	Maryfield	19	250
	92	Walpole	N/A	80
	122	Martin	12	357
	123	Silverwood	NIL	278
	124	Kingsley	2	172
	125 A	Chester	23	243
	125 B	Chester	13	226
	151 A	Rocanville	NIL	258
	151 B	Rocanville	2	228
	153	Willowdale	N/A	N/A
	154	Elcapo	4	262
	155 A	Wolseley	2	249
	155 B	Wolseley	11	215
2A	67	Weyburn	3	280
	68	Brokenshell	11	306
	97	Wellington	9	177
	99	Caledonia	N/A	N/A
2B	127 A	Francis	19.5	264
	127 B	Francis	12.7	204
	129	Bratt's Lake	9	202
	131 A	Baildon	2	276
	131 B	Baildon	10	332
	156 A	Indian Head	1	232
	156 B	Indian Head	14	341
	160 A	Pense	23	274
	160 B	Pense	1	217
	161	Moose Jaw	28	282
	162	Caron	45	260
	191	Marquis	NIL	143
3ASE	38 A	Laurier	4.3	315
	38 B	Laurier	5	253
	39 A	The Gap	N/A	237
	39 B	The Gap	6	287
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	3	219
	11	Hart Butte	N/A	205
	12	Poplar Valley	61	274
	40 A	Bengough	25	283
	40 B	Bengough	54	421
	42	Willow Bunch	30	261
	43 A	Old Post	23	303
	43 B	Old Post	N/A	N/A
	70	Key West	N/A	84
	71	Excel	N/A	208
	72 A	Lake of the Rivers	N/A	N/A
	72 B	Lake of the Rivers	N/A	135
	73 A	Stonehenge	25	317
	73 B	Stonehenge	25	279
	74 A	Wood River	20	279
	74 B	Wood River	N/A	3
	74 C	Wood River	N/A	N/A
3AN	101	Terrell	6	211
	102	Lake Johnston	7.4	163
	103 A	Sutton	19	233
	103 B	Sutton	N/A	N/A
	132 A	Hillsborough	15	260
	132 B	Hillsborough	15	270
	134	Shamrock	6	267
	164 A	Chaplin	NIL	192
	164 B	Chaplin	N/A	N/A
	193 A	Eyebrow	38	199
	193 B	Eyebrow	7	211
	194	Enfield	N/A	N/A
	224	Maple Bush	1	185
3BS	17 A	Val Marie	36	344
	17 B	Val Marie	N/A	N/A
	45	Mankota	3	370
	75 A	Pinto Creek	25	244
	75 B	Pinto Creek	10	267
	76	Auvergne	12	231
	77	Wise Creek	11	301
	78 A	Grassy Creek	23	330
	78 B	Grassy Creek	15.5	277
	105	Glenbain	42	237
	106	Whiska Creek	31	219
	107 A	Lac Pelletier	12	221
	107 B	Lac Pelletier	N/A	44
	108	Bone Creek	20	307
3BN	138 A	Webb	27	266
	138 B	Webb	22.3	216
	166 A	Excelsior	5	240
	166 B	Excelsior	N/A	N/A
	167	Sask. Landing	4.79	228
	168 A	Riverside	6	214
	168 B	Riverside	6.1	283
	226 A	Victory	N/A	149
	226 B	Victory	N/A	30
	228	Lacadena	2	208
	255	Coteau	NIL	144
	257	Monet	32	258
4A	19	Frontier	N/A	N/A
	49	White Valley	26	229
	51 A	Reno	N/A	179
	51 B	Reno	N/A	N/A
	79	Arlington	N/A	333
	109	Carmichael	14	246
	110	Piapot	5	201
	111	Maple Creek	N/A	215
4B	139	Gull Lake	5	206
	141	Big Stick	12	193
	142	Enterprise	1	229
	169	Pittville	N/A	187
	231	Happyland	N/A	158
5A	183 A	Fertile Belt	N/A	356
	183 B	Fertile Belt	4	279
	186	Abernethy	N/A	167
	211	Churchbridge	24	273
	213	Saltcoats	5	292
	214	Cana	N/A	25
	216	Tullymet	NIL	182
	217 A	Lipton	N/A	N/A
	241	Calder	5	276
	243	Wallace	4	277
	245 A	Garry	19	261
	245 B	Garry	4	222
	245 C	Garry	2	211
	246	Ituna Bon Accord	4	204
	247	Kellross	NIL	224
	248	Touchwood	6	172
5B	271	Cote	13	304
	273	Sliding Hills	3	200
	277	Emerald	6	214
	305	Invermay	4	304
	307	Elfros	12	232
	308 A	Big Quill	NIL	187
	308 B	Big Quill	NIL	239
	331	Livingston	13	300
	333	Clayton	N/A	39
	334	Preeceville	9	195
	336	Sasman	4	174
	337 A	Lakeview	7	244
	337 B	Lakeview	N/A	22
	338	Lakeside	N/A	229
	366	Kelvington	15	207
	367	Ponass Lake	10	211
6A	190 A	Dufferin	NIL	209
	190 B	Dufferin	2	188
	190 C	Dufferin	NIL	201
	190 D	Dufferin	N/A	42
	190 E	Dufferin	6	74
	219	Longlaketon	4	225
	220	Mckillop	10	279
	221	Sarnia	4.1	237
	222	Craik	5	280
	251	Big Arm	3	258
	252	Arm River	6	267
	279	Mount Hope	N/A	209
	282	McCraney	9	234
	309	Prairie Rose	3	256
	310	Usborne	N/A	N/A
	313	Lost River	NIL	239
	339	Leroy	14.6	264
	340	Wolverine	1	295
	341	Viscount	N/A	280
	343 A	Blucher	12.8	253
	343 B	Blucher	NIL	105
6B	283	Rosedale	N/A	214
	284	Rudy	5	206
	285	Fertile Valley	13	175
	286	Milden	NIL	199
	314	Dundurn	1	220
	344	Corman Park	12	147
	346	Perdue	20	200
	376 A	Eagle Creek	3	142
	376 B	Eagle Creek	NIL	179
	403 A	Rosthern	N/A	191
	403 B	Rosthern	1	230
7A	259	Snipe Lake	NIL	158
	260 A	Newcombe	N/A	105
	260 B	Newcombe	N/A	142
	261	Chesterfield	N/A	56
	287	St. Andrews	1	192
	288	Pleasant Valley	2	189
	290 A	Kindersley	5	178
	290 B	Kindersley	2	75
	290 C	Kindersley	N/A	176
	292	Milton	6	232
	317 A	Marriott	16	131
	317 B	Marriott	12	184
	317 C	Marriott	N/A	N/A
	318	Mountain View	10	233
	320 A	Oakdale	1	154
	320 B	Oakdale	N/A	145
	321	Prairiedale	13	151
7B	347 A	Biggar	7	180
	347 B	Biggar	N/A	175
	350 A	Mariposa	5	122
	350 B	Mariposa	9	194
	351	Progress	2	195
	352	Heart's Hill	7	286
	377	Glenside	NIL	189
	378 A	Rosemount	26	163
	378 B	Rosemount	23	214
	379	Reford	37	168
	381	Grass Lake	N/A	178
	382	Eye Hill	NIL	193
	409 A	Buffalo	8	231
	409 B	Buffalo	N/A	N/A
	410	Round Valley	NIL	145
	411	Senlac	N/A	N/A
8A	395	Porcupine	N/A	184
	397	Barrier Valley	1	195
	428	Star City	NIL	279
	456	Arborfield	5	248
	457	Connaught	N/A	272
	458	Willow Creek	N/A	210
	486	Moose Range	8	247
	487 A	Nipawin	NIL	214
	487 B	Nipawin	N/A	N/A
8B	369	St. Peter	2	204
	370	Humboldt	5	220
	371	Bayne	4	293
	372	Grant	0.5	345
	400 A	Three Lakes	N/A	3
	400 B	Three Lakes	12	282
	402	Fish Creek	2	263
	429	Flett's Springs	1	288
	431	St. Louis	N/A	N/A
	459	Kinistino	NIL	293
	460	Birch Hills	NIL	236
9AE	461	Prince Albert	N/A	22
	488	Torch River	6	289
	491	Buckland	N/A	304
9AW	406	Mayfield	1	192
	435	Redberry	6	198
	436	Douglas	4	192
	463	Duck Lake	NIL	272
	466	Meeting Lake	N/A	N/A
	467 A	Round Hill	7	285
	467 B	Round Hill	2	198
	494	Canwood	N/A	N/A
	496 A	Spiritwood	N/A	N/A
	496 B	Spiritwood	N/A	119
	497	Medstead	NIL	244
9B	438	Battle River	2	252
	440	Hillsdale	NIL	212
	442	Manitou Lake	0.5	285
	498 A	Parkdale	13	194
	498 B	Parkdale	9	176
	499 A	Mervin	15	265
	499 B	Mervin	N/A	24
	501 A	Frenchman Butte	17	277
	501 B	Frenchman Butte	6	221
	501 C	Frenchman Butte	1	175
	502 A	Britannia	N/A	N/A
	502 B	Britannia	NIL	169
	561	Loon Lake	2	190
	588 A	Meadow Lake	2	214
	588 B	Meadow Lake	6	266
	588 C	Meadow Lake	8	317
	588 D	Meadow Lake	N/A	198
	588 E	Meadow Lake	N/A	N/A
	622	Beaver River	5	204

Municipality No: A, B, C, D and E - more than one reporter

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Cumulative Rainfall

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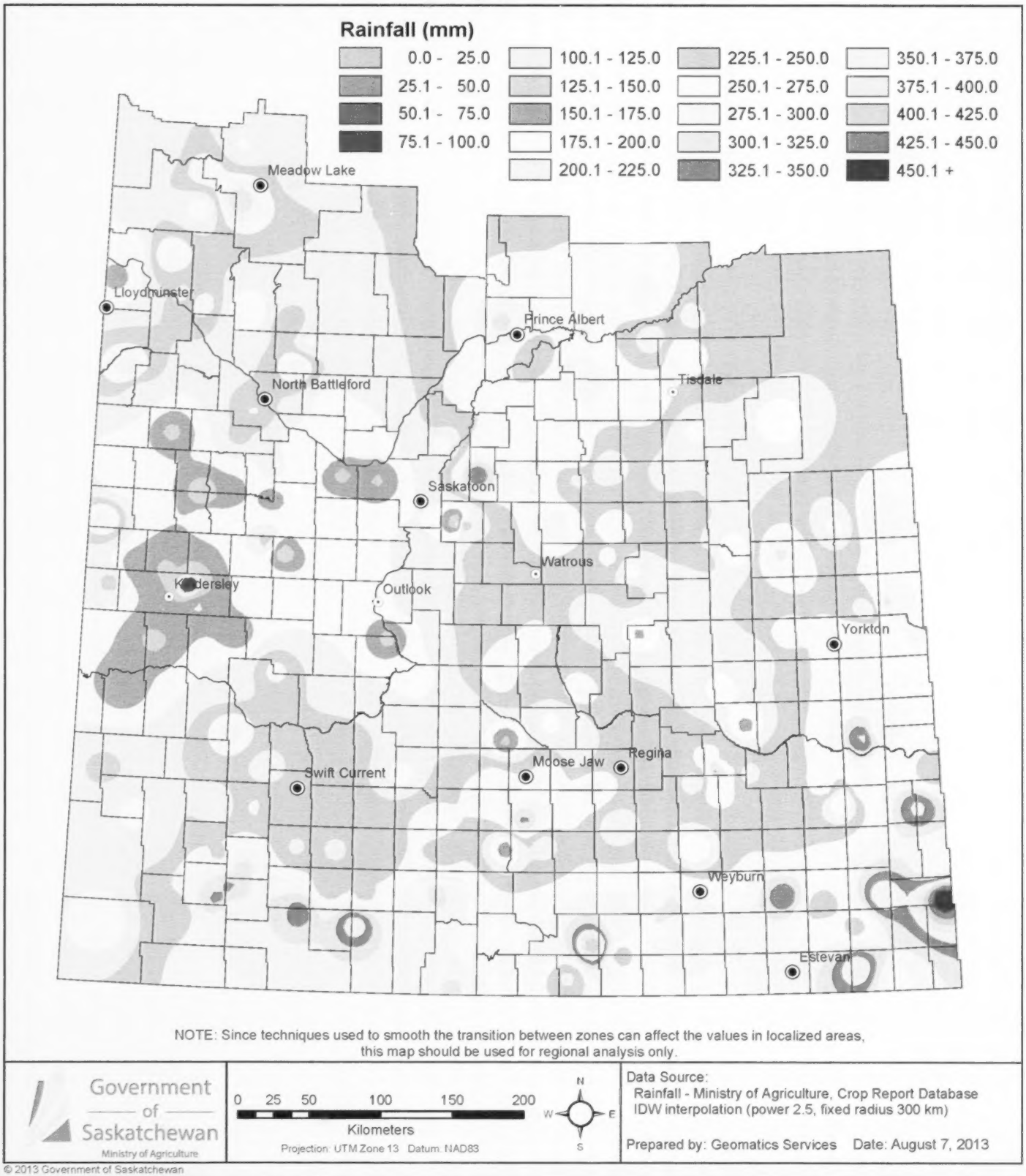
To: August 5, 2013



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Cropland Topsoil Moisture Conditions

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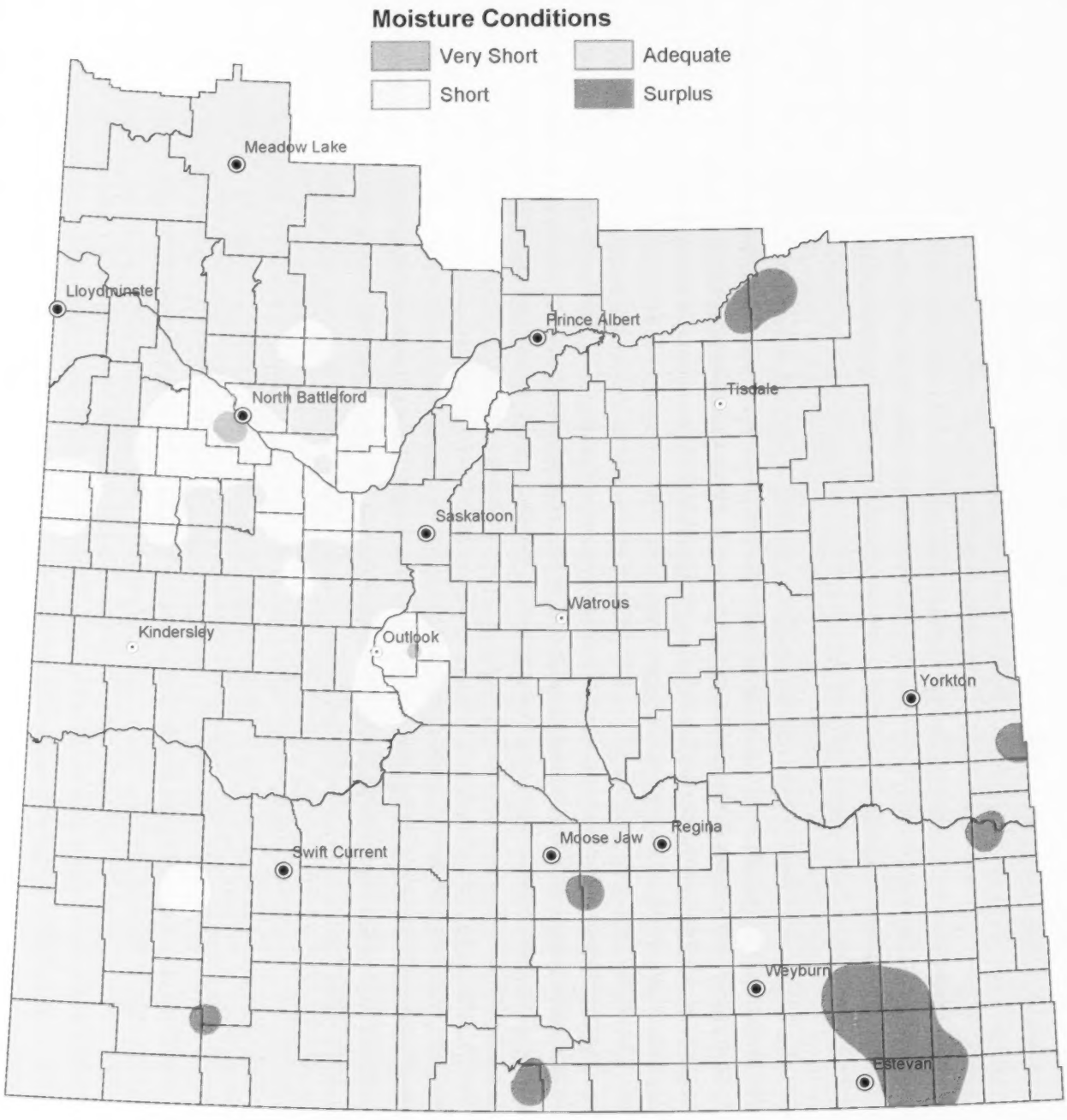

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Hay and Pasture Topsoil Moisture Conditions

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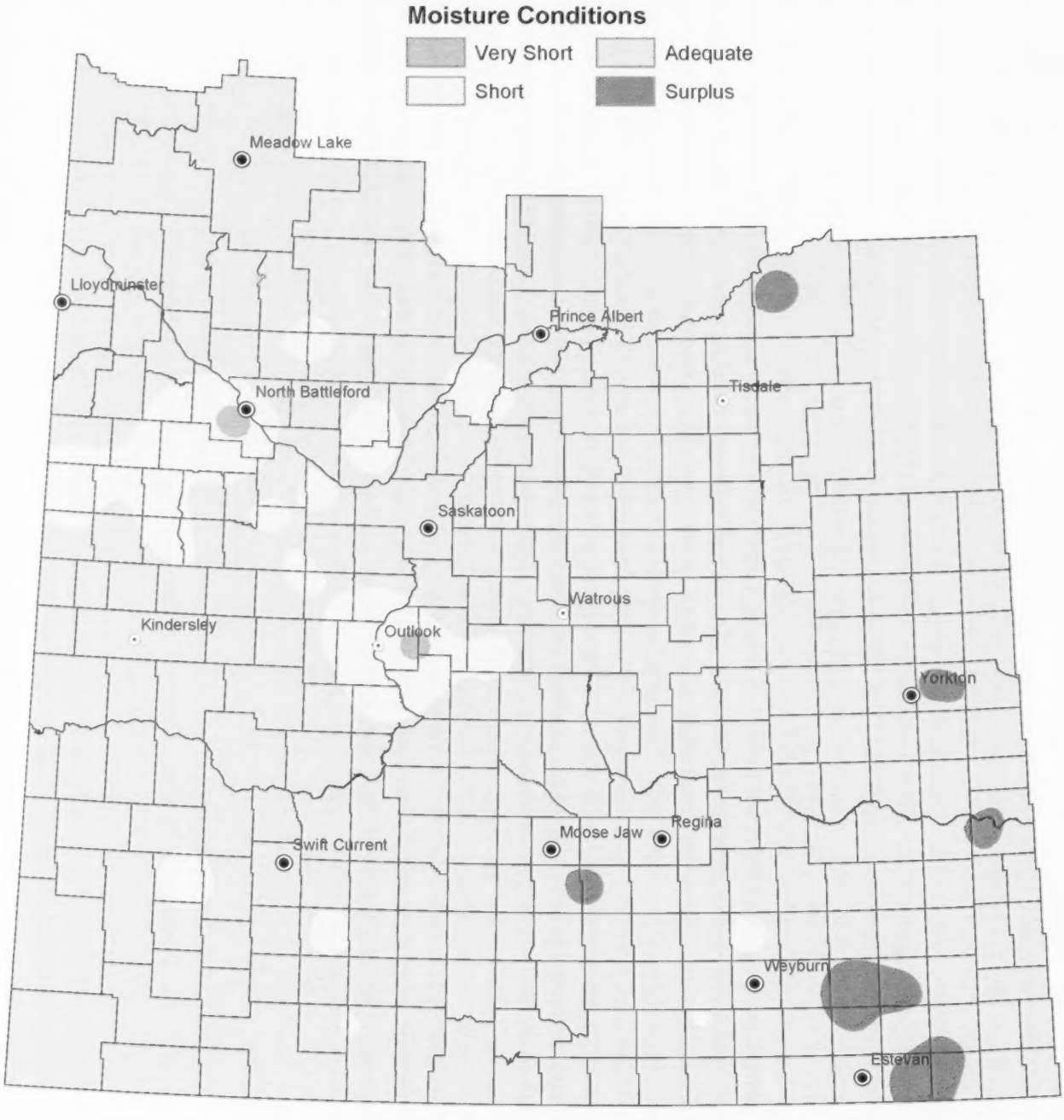

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